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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
10 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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12 United States of America,  
13 Plaintiff,  
14 v.  
15 John Christian Finn,  
16 Defendant.

Case Nos. 2:22-mj-00227-DJA-1

**ORDER to Appear Via  
Videoconference for Change of  
Plea**

17 Mr. Finn, through counsel, respectfully requests that this Court permit  
18 him to appear via video for his Change of Plea Hearing, currently set for  
19 February 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.<sup>1</sup>  
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21 **I. BACKGROUND**

22 On March 24, 2022, John Christian Finn was charged—via complaint—with  
23 violating one count of Title 36 C.F.R. § 4.23(a)(1) – Operating a Motor Vehicle  
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<sup>1</sup> ECF 13.

1 While Under the Influence of Alcohol, and one count of 36 C.F.R. § 4.23(a)(2) –  
 2 Operating a Motor Vehicle With a BAC of 0.08 Grams and Higher.<sup>2</sup>

3 On December 27, 2022, after receiving a signed guilty plea agreement from  
 4 the government and Mr. Finn, this Court vacated the trial date, and set a change  
 5 of plea hearing for February 1, 2023.<sup>3</sup> Based on his specific circumstances, Mr.  
 6 Finn submits that he will be unable to attend in person, and respectfully requests  
 7 that this Court permit him to make his appearance for his Change of Plea  
 8 hearing, set for February 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., via video.

## 9 **II. Argument**

10 Mr. Finn resides in North Pole, Alaska, where he also works full time.<sup>4</sup> It  
 11 would be difficult to coordinate with his employer to take the time off to travel to  
 12 Nevada for this hearing. He can, however, be available via video for this  
 13 proceeding. Additionally, he is currently unable to miss work and cover the  
 14 expenses of gas and lodging for a trip to and from Las Vegas. As such, Mr. Finn  
 15 respectfully requests that the Court allow him to appear via videoconference for  
 16 the upcoming Change of Plea and Sentencing. The government has no opposition  
 17 to this request and defers to the court.

18 DATED: January 24, 2023

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 20 RENE L. VALLADARES  
 Federal Public Defender

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 22 /s/ Navid Afshar

23 NAVID AFSHAR  
 Assistant Federal Public Defender  
 Attorney for John Finn

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 25 <sup>2</sup> ECF 1.

26 <sup>3</sup> ECF 13.

<sup>4</sup> All information contained herein, regarding Mr. Finn, is based on information and belief.


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**ORDER**

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10 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Mr. Finn shall be allowed to appear via  
11 videoconference for his Change of Plea hearing, scheduled for February 1, 2023,  
12 at 10:00 am. Defense counsel is to provide the courtroom administrator  
13 with an email address where Mr. Finn can receive a zoom invitation to appear.

14 DATED this 25th day of January 2023.

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18 DANIEL J. ALBREGTS  
19 United States Magistrate Judge  
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